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March 1, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1984, regarding the increase of leaks of classified intelligence information that has occurred in the last several years.

We held the hearing you requested from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the 29th, and I believe Senator Mathias was very grateful for the presentation which he heard. In addition to Senator Mathias, Senators Levin and Stevens also attended as guests of our Committee.

We will be sending on some questions for the record on this issue, but I just wanted you to know that we accommodated your request in this matter.

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater
Chairman

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The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater, Chairman
 Select Committee on Intelligence
 United States Senate
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As we have so often discussed, I am greatly concerned with the torrent of leaks of classified intelligence information that have occurred in the last several years. I know that you share this concern and consider this problem a serious issue that merits consideration by your Committee. (U)

You will remember that last December you considered holding a hearing on leaks, [redacted]

Although this hearing was called off, I sent you a letter outlining the serious harm which that leak had done [redacted]

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The harm done to our nation's security by leaks and the Administration's response to this problem have generated considerable interest on Capitol Hill. Your Committee only recently held hearings on the polygraph, which is one important tool that is used at CIA in deterring individuals from leaking classified information. Hearings on prepublication review also have been held jointly by the Subcommittee on Civil Service of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee (hereinafter the House Subcommittees). The initial hearing held on 29 April 1983 by the House Subcommittees involved an unclassified presentation on the need for prepublication review. In the course of that hearing, the members stated that until they had an understanding as to the extent of damage done by leaks, they would not be able to reach any conclusions regarding the need for legislation in the area of prepublication review. Therefore, the members of the House Subcommittees requested a closed hearing at which time they could hear testimony setting forth the harm leaks have done to our national security. On 7 February 1984, after all the required security clearances for the staff had been obtained, John Stein, the Central Intelligence Agency Deputy Director for Operations, and [redacted] Chief, Intelligence Staff, Operations Directorate at the National Security Agency, appeared in a closed hearing before the House Subcommittees and provided specific examples of how leaks of intelligence

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information have damaged our national security. Mr. Stein's testimony contained over a dozen examples of leaks that imperiled the lives of agents, damaged intelligence liaison relationships, and compromised collection systems costing several millions of dollars. (U)

Senator Mathias, who chairs the Subcommittee on Governmental Efficiency and the District of Columbia of the Senate Governmental Affairs, has specifically requested that his Subcommittee hear the same testimony that Messrs. Stein and [] presented to the House Subcommittees. As you know, Senator Mathias attached an amendment to the State Department Authorization Act last year which put a moratorium on the expanded use of prepublication review. That moratorium expires on 15 April 1984, and Senator Mathias intends to hold hearings on this subject to determine whether to make the prohibition on the expanded use of prepublication review permanent. (U)

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I suggest that the appropriate forum for Senator Mathias and members of his Subcommittee to hear the testimony of Messrs. Stein and [] is at a session with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Obviously, I believe your Committee should hear this testimony as well. Additionally, without this type of arrangement, it will not be possible to clear the staff of Senator Mathias' Subcommittee in time for them to hear this extremely sensitive testimony before they need to act on any additional legislation. In order to hear this testimony, an individual must possess a Top Secret clearance and be authorized to receive information contained in the Special Intelligence, Talent-Keyhole and Byeman compartments. (U)

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If you do decide to convene a hearing, it is important that it be held in the near future since Senator Mathias is anxious to hear this important testimony at the earliest possible date. (U)

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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